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Inaugural Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism a Success

Over 350 individuals came aboard and got on track to celebrate their achievements in the areas of service and volunteerism at the Inaugural Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The event, which was held at historic Union Station in downtown Indianapolis October 22 and 23, was an opportunity for Hoosier volunteers and representatives from community- and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and statewide associations to celebrate their service, energize themselves, and take home best practices employed throughout Indiana. Governor Joseph Kernan opened the event and spoke about the importance of the voluntary sector to the Hoosier state. The Governor also unveiled Indiana's Ready Card, a wallet-size card designed to record important information such as telephone numbers as well as helpful tips to be used during an emergency. In addition to workshops hosted by more than 25 presenters, the ICCSV honored nine individuals and one organization with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Service and Volunteerism at a Thursday afternoon luncheon. Inspirational singer-songwriter David Roth provided the keynote address. To learn more about the recipients of the Governor's Award, please visit the ICCSV's Web site at www.IN.gov/ICCSV.

Mark Your Calendars – Second Annual Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism

The Second Annual Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is scheduled for October 6 and 7, 2004. The ICCSV is considering a number of Indianapolis venues and more information will be available at a later date on the Commission's Web site. The topic of next year's conference is "Volunteers Building Community: Growth, Leadership, and Collaboration" and will have a construction theme. If you and/or your organization are interested in serving on the Planning Committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

Notice of Fund Availability - 2004/2005 AmeriCorps

The ICCSV mailed out fliers notifying current and potential new applicants of the available AmeriCorps funding. DRAFT AmeriCorps guidance was made available via the ICCSV Web site on November 3. The final version of the guidance will be available via the Web site on November 14. The guidance on the sustainability plans will also be on the Web site - the deadline for the plans is December 3 for current AmeriCorps grantees. If you have any questions regarding this year's process, please contact our office. Visit the ICCSV Web site at www.IN.gov/iccsv for information on the AmeriCorps State application process for 2004/2005! A technical assistance workshop will be held on December 5 on the IUPUI in the SPEA building, room BS1000. Please visit the Web site for more information.

ICCSV to Host Additional Regional Summits on Service and Volunteerism

In an effort to introduce individuals and organizations to the Indiana Unified State Plan for Service (USP), the ICCSV will host seven more regional summits on the following dates:

March 2, 2004	Fort Wayne
March 16, 2004	South Bend
March 30, 2004	West Lafayette
April 13, 2004	Terre Haute
April 27, 2004	Evansville
May 11, 2004	New Albany
May 25, 2004	Richmond

If you or your organization is interested in convening a regional host committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us

DHS to Award \$35 Million for Citizen Corps Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Office for Domestic Preparedness is pleased to announce \$35 million in direct grants to states for the Citizen Corps Program. The Citizen Corps funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities. This program will provide the necessary resources for states and local communities to develop and sustain a local Citizen Corps Council. Indiana will receive more than \$700,000 for its Citizen Corps efforts.

Funding Opportunities

Interested in getting information related to potential grants and funding? The ICCSV compiles grant and funding opportunities from various Listservs and mailings into a monthly bulletin for our partners and programs, and it is sent via email on the first Friday of every month. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Brandy Wood at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Did You Know?

Social capital has decreased steadily over the course of the last two decades. Harvard professor Robert D. Putnam studied this phenomenon in his first book, *Bowling Alone*. Professor Putnam and Lewis M. Feldstein, president of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, followed up with *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, a collection of case studies of successful communities and organizations that are restoring interest in civic engagement. For more information about these two books and the data, visit www.bowlingalone.com and www.bettertogether.org.

Elves Needed for SantaLand 2003

Santaland began in Governor and Mrs. O'Bannon's garage when they lived near 13th and Broadway. It has since grown to an event now held at Old Centrum that allows over a thousand people to come, receive holiday gifts to give to their families, gather together with friends and neighbors, and go home with enough food for a week. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and staff Santaland. This year's event will take place **on Saturday, December 13th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** For more information, or to obtain a volunteer form, please e-mail Aja May at aja_m@hotmail.com

Tip of the Month

A catalog of Federal grants is available at www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html.

THE ICCSV STAFF WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holidays – ICCSV Office Closed	November 27-28, 2003
Technical Assistance Workshop	December 5, 2003
Christmas Holidays - ICCSV Office Closed	December 25-26, 2003
New Year's Day	January 1, 2004
2004 –2005 AmeriCorps Program Proposals Due	January 2, 2004

Available Now! Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

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The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.